

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A method for generating an ETT of EPG comprising inserting an event_id in a table_id_extension of each ETT section header, wherein the event_id identifies an event to which an ETT section corresponds.

2. A method of claim 1, wherein the table_id_extension is composed of 16 bits.

10 3. A method of claim 2, wherein 14 bits of the 16 bits represents the event_id.

15 4. A method of claim 3, wherein one of two bits of the table_id_extension not used for the event_id represents an ETM_location value to distinguish whether an ETT section is transmitted from a same channel as a corresponding EIT.

20 5. A method of claim 3, wherein one of two bits of the table_id_extension not used for the event_id represents a value to distinguish whether detailed information included in an ETT section is for channels or for events.

25 6. A method of claim 1, further comprising inserting an ETM_location value in the table_id_extension to distinguish whether an ETT section is transmitted from the same channel as EIT.

7. A method of claim 1, further comprising inserting a value in the table_id_extension to distinguish whether detailed information in an ETT section is for channels or for events.

5 8. A method of processing ETTs comprising:
 setting an ETT section filter;
 detecting the ETT section-outs;
 section filtering and detecting at least one pertinent ETT
 section using an event_id value in a table_id_extension of ETT
 sections;
 parsing the detected at least one ETT section; and
 storing each parsed ETT section as a text message.

10 9. A method of claim 8, wherein the table_id_extension is
 composed of 16 bits.

15 10. A method of claim 9, wherein 14 bits of the 16 bits
 represents the event_id.

20 11. A method for identifying ETTs of an EPG comprising:
 inserting an event_id in a table_id_extension of each ETT
 sections before transmitting the ETT sections to a receiver; and
 section filtering, at the receiver, the received ETT
 sections based upon the event_id to identify an ETT section.

25 12. A method of claim 11, wherein identifying an ETT section

comprises:

setting an ETT section filter;
detecting ETT section-outs;
section filtering and detecting at least one pertinent ETT
5 section using the event_id in the table_id_extension of each ETT
sections;
parsing the detected at least one ETT section; and
storing each parsed ETT section as a text message.

10 13. A method of claim 11, wherein the table_id_extension is
composed of 16 bits.

14. A method of claim 13, wherein 14 bits of the 16 bits
represents the event_id.

15. A method of claim 14, wherein one of two bits of the
table_id_extension not used for the event_id represents an
ETM_location value to distinguish whether an ETT section is
transmitted from a same channel as a corresponding EIT.

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16. A method of claim 14, wherein one of two bits of the
table_id_extension not used for the event_id represents a value
to distinguish whether detailed information included in an ETT
section is for channels or for events.

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17. A method of claim 11, further comprising inserting an

ETM_location value in the table_id_extension to distinguish whether an ETT section is transmitted from the same channel as EIT.

5 18. A method of claim 11, further comprising inserting a value in the table_id_extension to distinguish whether detailed information in an ETT section is for channels or for events.

10 19. A method of claim 11, wherein filtering and receiving, at the receiver, ETT sections with values corresponding to a specific version.